

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **ABRAMOVICI et al.** Examiner: Donna A. Jagoe  
Application No.: **09/446,601** Art Unit: 1614  
Filed: **April 3, 2000**  
Title: **SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING  
BENZOFURAN DERIVATIVES**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby request entry and full consideration of the amendment and response submitted herewith. Pursuant to MPEP §706.07(h), Applicants request that the amendments and remarks filed on February 15, 2006, not be entered. It should be noted that the amendment and remarks filed herewith are responsive to the Final Office Action and address the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed March 31, 2006.

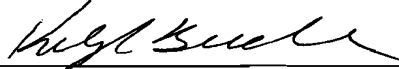
In response to the Final Rejection mailed November 16, 2005, an Amendment and Response were timely filed. A Notice of Appeal was subsequently filed on April 14, 2006. This RCE is being filed in lieu of the filing of the Brief on Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §41.37(a) which is due on June 14, 2006. This RCE and Submission Accompanying RCE are therefore timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$790 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) or any other fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,

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